

## Current and Historical Legislative Abbreviations and Terms

Abbreviation / Term	Definition
Art.	Article. Usually referring to a section of the Maine Constitution.
Adhere	In response to conflicting action on a Bill by one chamber, the other chamber votes to stand adamantly by its previous action. A vote to adhere to a negative action kills the Bill.
c., ch.	Chapter
CA (CB, CC, etc.)	Committee Amendment "A", "B", "C", etc.
CC, Conf. Comm.	Conference Committee
CC / CA	Conference Committee, Amendment "A"
Carried over	An LD is held over to the next session of the Legislature
Con. Res.	Constitutional Resolution
Died between houses	House and Senate cannot agree on the same action for a bill. The bill dies.
Died in concurrence	The LD dies when both Houses agree on dispositions that have the same effect.
Died on adjournment	When the Legislature adjourns sine die and the LD was neither enacted nor killed by action of the House or Senate. The bill dies.
Emerg.	See "Emergency enacted".
Emergency enacted	The LD is enacted by 2/3 or more of the members of the House and Senate. The Legislation takes effect sooner than the statutory 90 days.
Enacted	The bill was passed and sent to the Governor for signature.
Finally passed	Resolve/resolution enacting language.
H.	House
HA (HB, HC, etc.)	House amendment "A", "B", "C", etc.
HD	House Document
HP	House Paper. A document before the Legislature, i.e. Senate Paper or House Paper.
Held by the Governor	An enacted bill is neither signed, vetoed, or allowed to become law. If a new Legislative session is held, the Governor must take action on it within three days. If no session occurs, this becomes a "Pocket Veto".
IB	Initiated Bill. A legislative proposal originated by citizen petition, usually rejected by the Legislature and sent referendum.
Indef. P.P.	Indefinitely postponed. Kills the item if both chambers agree.

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LD	Legislative Document. A number assigned when the Bill is received by the Clerk or Secretary, printed, and distributed to the public.
LR	Legislative Request. Assigned by the Revisor of Statutes when a request for a Bill is made. LR numbers are used to track a bill until it is printed as a Legislative Document (assigned an LD number).
LV/WD	Leave to Withdraw. Report by a committee to recommend the withdrawal of a measure by unanimous vote before a public hearing occurs.
LV/WD – Other Leg	Leave to withdraw, covered by other legislation.
MRS	Maine Revised Statutes
Maj. Rep.	The Majority Report of a committee.
Min. Rep.	The Minority Report of a committee.
Not Properly Before the Body	Ruled out of order by the presiding officer. The bill dies.
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-Am.	Ought to Pass Amended
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass New Draft of the original. LD with a new LD number.
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass New Draft with a new title
Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310	When unanimous committee report of ONTP is issued, the bill automatically dies.
PL	Public Law
P&SL	Private and Special Law
Pocket veto	When the Governor holds enacted legislation and the Legislature does not return for a new session. The Governor does not have to act on the legislation. The bill dies.
RR	Revisor’s Report. An annual report by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes that makes technical corrections to the Maine Revised Statute.
RS	Revised Statutes of Maine (Maine statutes or codes prior to 1964).
Res.	Resolve
Recede and Concur	When the current chamber wishes to change its prior action and agree with the action of the other chamber.
Ref. Next Leg.	LD is referred or carried over to next Regular or Special Session. Replaced by “Carried over”.
S.	Senate
SA (SB, SC, etc.)	Senate Amendment “A”, “B”, “C”, etc.

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SD	Senate Document
SP	Senate Paper. A document before the Legislature, i.e. Senate Paper or House Paper.
Unsigned	Bill held by the Governor
Veto overridden	When either chamber overrides a Governor's veto. Both House and Senate must override to successfully enact the vetoed legislation.
Veto sustained	When the Governor vetoes a bill and neither chamber cannot override it.